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"Climb every mountain..." Adele, ZS5APT somewhere on a summit for SOTA

## Worcester - ZS200W

ZS200W celebrates the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of Worcester in the Western Cape on 28 February 1820. QSL to ZS1HF.

*(No luck yet on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1820 Settlers!)*

## April

27 – Freedom Day

## May

1 – Jobless Worker's Day; ZS SOTA Activity Day  
2 - AWA AM Valve QSO Party  
3 - AWA SSB Valve QSO Party  
5 and 6 - Eta Aquarids meteor shower  
8 - Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War  
9 and 10 - SARL VHF/UHF Digital contest  
10 – Mother's Day  
12 - World Migratory Bird Day  
13 - POP Sprint  
15 - International Day of Families  
17 - ZS3 Sprint  
18 to 22 - Spaceops 2019, Cape Town  
19 – Highway ARC meeting  
20 - SARL 95th Birthday; SARL 80 m Wednesday Club Sprint  
21 - Ascension Day  
23 - CTARC meeting  
30 and 31 - CQ WPX CW contest

## ZS SOTA Activity Day 1 May 2020 - PLAN B!

*Due to the Level 4 restrictions for that virus, not being able to travel, our planned ZS SOTA Activity Day had to be shelved. Dave Higgs, ZS2DH has proposed the Backyard SOTA fun day on 1 May 2020, which is the public holiday call the Jobless Workers Day and we hope the weather plays with. Let us take an idea from the New Zealand radio amateurs (see page 71 of the May Radio ZS.)*

## Backyard Summits on The Air/ Backyard Parks on The Air

Both SOTA and POTA are about getting out and playing radio – why should a little lockdown prevent us from having fun? To take part in the Backyard SOTA activity, simply locate the highest point in your back yard – feasible enough to operate a field station and you can activate your own backyard summit! Alternatively, if you have Acrophobia (yes, scared of heights!), perhaps Backyard Parks on the Air would be more suitable. Find a spot in the backyard that can pass off as a field station in a national park (Lions and other wildlife an optional extra).

You do not need to apply for a summit/park registration number – just make your own up and use it as you would like. Park fees are also waivered for this activity!

**To be an activator, you need to operate a field station as per the rules below. To be a chaser, you can operate ICOS (In the Comfort Of your Shack)! The real challenge is to get Summit-To-Summit, Park-To-Park and Summit-To-Park contacts which can only be done as an activator.**

## Rules

- Operate independent of mains power.
- Use no permanent structure to hold or support your station.
- Everything must be carried to the summit/park – a distance of at least 5 m! (*The RaDAR aspect covered!*)
- Spotting, collaborating and arranging skeds is encouraged.
- The exchange is your RS or RST report and your summit/park code. You are also free to discuss the weather and other topics of general interest.
- Any legal mode, band or power level is allowed \*
- The activity runs from 00:00 to 23:59 and as such you can choose when you would like to operate and there is no limitation on the length of time you operate.
- You can publish your activity on the SOTA/POTA Whatsapp group, or on [Sarah.org.za](http://Sarah.org.za), but **please DO NOT put it on the official SOTA Watch website, forum, or reflector.\***
- Open to all radio amateurs – both SARL members and not-yet-SARL members.
- It is a condition of entry that you have fun.

*\*Please be mindful of the fact that on certain bands at certain parts of the day you may get DX chasers who would reasonably assume you are doing a valid SOTA/POTA activity. Please be sure to explain that this is NOT valid SOTA/POTA activations and that the logs will not count for points.*

If you would like to be added to the SOTA/POTA WhatsApp group, please send your contact details to Sid Tyler, ZS5AYC on mobile 082 4613279.

#### Notes

Please have FUN with this activity – take pictures and post them on the WhatsApp group. Show your summit station or perhaps your park station with some wildlife in the picture (raid the kids or grandkids toy box or get the kids to act as wild animals!)

This is not a contest, but an activity designed to promote SOTA and POTA. As such, you do not need to submit your log, however, if you submit your log to Dave Higgs at [om@zs2dh.co.za](mailto:om@zs2dh.co.za) or Sid at [zs5ayc@gmail.com](mailto:zs5ayc@gmail.com) along with a photo of your operation, you will get a certificate of participation.

You will also have a story for the grandchildren one day!

You are free to list your activity on [sarah.org.za](http://sarah.org.za) – and even use the live logging feature (or log it manually after the event). Start earning activator and chaser points right away!

For any assistance using Sarah – please ask Dave Higgs, ZS2DH – his details are on the Sarah website. For any further information, please contact Sid Tyler, ZS5AYC on mobile 082 461 3279 and/or e-mail [zs5ayc@gmail.com](mailto:zs5ayc@gmail.com)

#### Bored with "Stay at Home" orders?

Although we are missing DXpeditions, there is a tremendous amount of activity on the bands as every country in the world seems to have stay at home orders. With no expeditions, some may be experiencing a lack of motivation to get on the air. We have the answer! CQ's annual DX Marathon! Each year amateurs are invited to work as many countries and CQ zones as possible. So far this year over 255 CQ countries have been active plus all 40 zones. That is a lot of DX chasing to keep everyone busy! There are plenty of certificates and even plaques for the top scores each year, but many amateurs simply compete against themselves to improve their totals each year. This is a wonderful time to participate in the DX Marathon and see how many countries and zones you can work this year! Complete details on the DX Marathon are available on the DX Marathon website [www.dxmarathon.com](http://www.dxmarathon.com). Come and join the fun!

#### 2020 SARL Hamnet 40 M Simulated Emergency Contest

The SARL Hamnet 40 m Simulated Emergency Contest was held on Sunday 1 March, while the SARL Hamnet Regional Directors were having the first face-to-face meeting in quite some time meeting at the National Amateur Radio Centre. Logs were received from ZS1, ZS2, ZS4 and ZS6, while

contacts in the logs indicate QSOs from all over the country. Unfortunately, due to the lockdown most entries were in Category D (Single operator Base station)

#### **Overall Winners**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Botha, ZS4JAN – D – 1 548 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nico Oelofse, ZS4N – A – 1 152 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> the Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society, ZS2PE – D – 948 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Denise van Vuuren, ZS1DS – D – 756 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Charles le Roux, ZS1CF – D – 612 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Johan van Zijl, ZS4DZ - D – 594 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> SARL Hamnet Western Cape, ZS1DCC - C – 432 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> Geoff Levey, ZS6C – D – 340 points
- 9<sup>th</sup> the SARL, ZS6DCC - C - 310 points
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anthony Rouquette, ZS6ANT – D – 288 points
- 11<sup>th</sup> Al Akkers, ZS2U – B – 260 points
- 12<sup>th</sup> Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT – A – 252 points
- 13<sup>th</sup> Worcester 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, ZS200W – D – 120 points

#### **Category A: Single Operator stationary mobile**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nico Oelofse, ZS4N – 1 152 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT – 252 points

#### **Category B: Single Operator portable**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Al Akkers, ZS2U – 260 points

#### **Category C: Multi-operator portable**

- 1<sup>st</sup> SARL Hamnet Western Cape, ZS1DCC – 432 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the SARL, ZS6DCC – 310 points (log submitted by Channette Coetze, ZS6CAC)

#### **Category D: Single operator base station**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Botha, ZS4JAN – 1 548 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the Port Elizabeth Amateur Radio Society, ZS2PE – 948 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Denise van Vuuren, ZS1DS – 756 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Charles le Roux, ZS1CF – 612 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Johan van Zijl, ZS4DZ – 594 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Geoff Levey, ZS6C – 340 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> Anthony Rouquette, ZS6ANT – 288 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> Worcester 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, ZS200W – 120 points (operated by Pierre Trump, ZS1HF)

#### **The 2020 the SARL 80 m QSO Party**

The Contest Committee received 23 logs (they were surprised!) for the first leg of the SARL 80 m QSO Party held on Thursday 2 April 2020. It was determined that 123 amateurs were active in the contest.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Botha, ZS4JAN - 925 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Schalk van Vuuren, ZS1LL - 760 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Helmar Otto, ZS1H - 605 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Christi Grobbelaar, ZS4CGR - 550 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Kobus Boshoff, ZS6BOS - 510 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jadranko Davidovic, ZS6DJA - 490 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> Woody Collett, ZS3WL - 460 points

8<sup>th</sup> Sybrand Cillié, ZS1SJ - 380 points  
 9<sup>th</sup> Colbrin Sieberhagen, ZS1SC - 275 points  
 10<sup>th</sup> Anthony Rouquette, ZS6ANT - 235 points  
 11<sup>th</sup> Andre du Plessis, ZR6AGA and Gert du Plessis, ZR6GRT - 210 points  
 13<sup>th</sup> Geoff Levey, ZS6C and Johan Swanepoel, ZS6JHN - 190 points  
 15<sup>th</sup> Nic van Duffelen, ZR6AEZ - 175 points  
 16<sup>th</sup> Andreas Dühring, ZS6ADU - 165 points  
 17<sup>th</sup> Veronica Kotze, ZR6TVK and Jack Kotze, ZS6JK - 160 points  
 19<sup>th</sup> Nick Dreyer, ZS1N - 80 points  
 20<sup>th</sup> Marius Lubbe, ZS1ML and Pierre Smit, ZS6PS - 50 points  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Emil Bohme, ZS1XB and Peet Greyling, ZS6PGN - 40 points

### African DX

Contacts with stations on the African continent count towards the SARL's All Africa Award ([www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp))



### African Islands

#### IOTA Frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz



Since no new IOTA announcements have been made during the past week (probably because of many virus travel restrictions), here is a list of IOTA operations that were active this past week between 20 to 25 April as per the DXCluster:

- AF-004 AM6WARD Canary 20/17/12/10 m; FT8/CW/SSB
- AF-004 AM8WARD Canary 160/40/20/15/10 m; CW/Digi
- AF-004 AO895TH Canary 20 m; SSB
- AF-004 EA8JK Canary 12 m; SSB
- AF-004 EA8TH Canary 20 m; CW
- AF-004 EA8TL Canary 10 m
- AF-014 CT3HF Madeira 20 m
- AF-014 CT3MD Madeira 30 m; FT8
- AF-016 FR4PV Reunion 17 m; SSB
- AF-016 FR4QT Reunion 15 m; SSB
- AF-106 TU10EG Cote D'Ivoire 20 m; SSB

### Japan: Expanded Access to 160 And 80 Metres

As of 21 April, Japanese amateurs have gained new privileges on 160 and 80 m. The current band plan, as summarized on the ARRL's website, is as follow:

#### 160 Metres

- 1 800 - 1 810 kHz All modes (new assignment)
- 1 810 - 1 825 kHz CW only
- 1 825 - 1 875 kHz All modes (as secondary service, new assignment)
- 1907.5 - 1912.5 kHz CW and data (F1B, F1D, G1B, G1D)

#### 80 Metres

- 3 500 - 3 520 kHz CW only
- 3 520 - 3 535 kHz CW and data (F1B, F1D, G1B, G1D)

3 53 5 - 3 575 kHz CW, phone, image; data only permitted for making contacts with non-JA amateurs  
3 575 - 3 580 kHz All modes (as secondary service, new assignment)  
3 599 - 3 612 kHz CW, phone, image, data  
3 662 - 3 680 kHz All modes (as secondary service, new assignment)  
3 680 - 3 687 kHz CW, phone, image  
3 702 - 3 716 kHz CW, phone, image  
3 745 - 3 770 kHz CW, phone, image  
3 791 - 3 805 kHz CW, phone, image

"The small break is a still problem, but overall, it's an improvement. In particular, a small RTTY-window was born at 3 575 - 3 580 kHz... 73, Hisami 7L4IOU"

Also read the ARRL Newsletter (dated 23 April) and the following on the ARRL Web page at <http://www.arrl.org/news/japan-s-radio-amateurs-gain-expanded-access-to-160-and-80-meters>

## Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 27 April to 4 May 2020

RSGB Hope SSB QSO Party: 08:30 - 10:00 UTC  
27 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: SSB  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 10 W  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with station on same continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 2 points per QSO with station on same continent on 15 or 10 m; 3 points per QSO with station on different continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 6 points per QSO with station on different continent on 15 or 10 m  
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 28 April 2020  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: [www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml)

QCX Challenge  
13:00 - 14:00 UTC 27 April and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 27 April and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 28 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op  
Max power: HP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST, name, state, province or country and rig  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with QCX station; 1 point per QSO with non-QCX station  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 5 May 2020  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.qrp-labs.com/party.html](http://www.qrp-labs.com/party.html)

RSGB FT4 Contest Series  
19:00 - 20:30 UTC 27 April  
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: FT4  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: 100 W; 10 W  
Exchange: 4-character grid square  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each large locator square  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 20:30 UTC 28 April 2020  
Upload log at: [www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)  
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/r80m\\_ft4.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/r80m_ft4.shtml)

RSGB Hope CW QSO Party: 10:00 - 11:30 UTC  
28 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 10 W  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with station on same continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 2 points per QSO with station on same continent on 15 or 10 m; 3 points per QSO with station on different continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 6 points per QSO with station on different continent on 15 or 10 m  
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 29 April 2020  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: [www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml)

RTTYOPS Week Sprint  
17:00 - 19:00 UTC 28 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: RTTY  
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m  
Classes: Single Op  
Max operating hours: 2 hours  
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no and your name  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 5 May 2020  
E-mail logs to: [rtty-week-tuesday@nrrlcontest.no](mailto:rtty-week-tuesday@nrrlcontest.no)  
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://rttyops.wordpress.com/rtty-mini-contests/rttyops-weeksprint/>

Phone Fray  
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 29 April  
Geographic Focus: North America  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: SSB  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m  
Classes: Single Op  
Max power: 100 watts  
Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station  
Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 1 May 2020  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[www.perluma.com/Phone\\_Fray\\_Contest\\_Rules.pdf](http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf)

RSGB Hope RTTY QSO Party  
11:30 - 13:00 UTC 29 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: RTTY  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 10 W  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with station on same continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 2 points per QSO with station on same continent on 15 or 10 m; 3 points per QSO with station on different continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 6 points per QSO with station on different continent on 15 or 10 m  
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 30 April 2020  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: [www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml)

**CWops Mini-CWT Test**  
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 29 April and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 30 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Member: Name and member no  
non-Member: Name and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 2 May 2020  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>

**UKEICC 80 m Contest**  
20:00 - 21:00 UTC 29 April  
Geographic Focus: Europe  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: Single Op Connected - QRP, low or high; Single Op Unconnected - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: 4-Character grid square  
QSO Points: 1 point per 500 km (10 pts max); multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 29 April 2020

E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <http://logs.ukeicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.ukeicc.com/80 m-rules.php](http://www.ukeicc.com/80 m-rules.php)

**RSGB Hope SSB QSO Party**  
13:00 - 14:30 UTC 30 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: SSB  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 10 W  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with station on same continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 2 points per QSO with station on same continent on 15 or 10 m; 3 points per QSO with station on different continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 6 points per QSO with station on different continent on 15 or 10 m  
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 1 May 2020  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: [www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml)

**RTTYOPS Week Sprint**  
17:00 - 19:00 UTC 30 April  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: RTTY  
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m  
Classes: Single Op  
Max operating hours: 2 hours  
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no and your name  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 7 May 2020

E-mail logs to: [rtty-week-thursday@nrrlcontest.no](mailto:rtty-week-thursday@nrrlcontest.no)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://rttyops.wordpress.com/rtty-mini-contests/rttyops-Week Sprint/>

NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 1 May

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 3 May 2020

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com/](http://www.3830scores.com/)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.ncccsprInternationalcom/rttyns.html](http://www.ncccsprInternationalcom/rttyns.html)

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 1 May

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 3 May 2020

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com/](http://www.3830scores.com/)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.ncccsprInternationalcom/rules.html](http://www.ncccsprInternationalcom/rules.html)

AGCW QRP/QRP Party

13:00 - 19:00 UTC 1 May

Geographic Focus: Europe

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: 5 W (A); 20 W (B)

Exchange: RST, QSO no, "/" and Class ID (A or B)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with class B; 2 points per QSO with class A

Multipliers: DXCC countries once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 20 May 2020

E-mail logs to: [grp-party@agcw.de](mailto:grp-party@agcw.de)

Mail logs to: Manager, Udo Witte, DJ4FV, Sandbreite 7, D-49134 Wallenhorst, Germany

Find rules at:

[www.agcw.org/index.php/en/contests-and-cw-activities/qrp-qrp-party](http://www.agcw.org/index.php/en/contests-and-cw-activities/qrp-qrp-party)

RSGB Hope CW QSO Party

14:30 - 16:00 UTC 1 May

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 10 W

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with station on same continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 2 points per QSO with station on same continent on 15 or 10 m; 3 points per QSO with station on different continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 6 points per QSO with station on different continent on 15 or 10 m

Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 2 May 2020

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: [www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml)

10-10 International Spring CW Contest

00:01 UTC 2 May to 23:59 UTC 3 May

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: QRP; Low Power; High Power; Club; Mobile

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: 10-10 Member: Name, 10-10 number and state, province or country; Non-Member: Name, 0 and state, province or country

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-member; 2 points per QSO with a 10-10 member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 11 May 2020

E-mail logs to: [dbmorris315@gmail.com](mailto:dbmorris315@gmail.com)

Mail logs to: Dan Morris, KZ3T, 3162 Covington Way, Lenoir, NC 28645, USA

Find rules at: [www.ten-ten.org/index.php/activity/2013-07-22-20-26-48/qso-party-rules](http://www.ten-ten.org/index.php/activity/2013-07-22-20-26-48/qso-party-rules)

RCC Cup

03:00 - 08:59 UTC 2 May

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed - low or high; Multi-Op Mixed; Multi-Op Junior - SSB or mixed

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W

Exchange: RCC Members: RS(T), "RCC" and member number; Non-Members: RS(T) and ITU Zone

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with own continent; 5 points per QSO with a different continent; 10 points per QSO with RCC member

Multipliers: Each RCC member once per band; Each ITU Zone once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 9 May 2020

Upload log at:

[http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit\\_log.php?lang=en](http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://rcccup.ru/>

ARI International DX Contest

12:00 UTC 2 May to 11:59 UTC 3 May

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: Phone, CW, RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB, RTTY or mixed - low or high

Multi-Single (suspended for 2020); Multi-Multi (suspended for 2020); SWL

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: I: RS(T) and 2-letter province; non-I: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per mode per band

QSO Points: 0 points per QSO with same country; 1 point per QSO with different country same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; 10 points per QSO with I/ISO/IT9 stations

Multipliers: Each Italian province once per band; Each DXCC country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 8 May 2020

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: [www.ari.it/contest-hf/ari-international/log-upload.html](http://www.ari.it/contest-hf/ari-international/log-upload.html)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [www.ari.it/](http://www.ari.it/)

7th Call Area QSO Party

13:00 UTC 2 May to 07:00 UTC 3 May

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital (no FT8)

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Single Op Assisted - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Multi; Single Op County; Expedition; M/S County

Expedition; M/M County Expedition; Single Op Mobile - CW, phone or mixed - low or high; M/S Mobile - CW, phone or mixed - low or high

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: 7th Area: RS(T) and 5-letter state/county code; non-7th Area: RS(T) and state, province or DX

Work stations: Once per band per mode per county

QSO Points: 2 points per SSB QSO; 3 points per CW QSO; 4 points per digital QSO

Multipliers: 7th Area: Each state or province once; 7th Area: Each DXCC entity once (max of 10); non-7th Area: Each 7th area county once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 13 May 2020  
E-mail logs to: [7qplogs@codxc.org](mailto:7qplogs@codxc.org)  
Mail logs to: 7th Call Area QSO Party, c/o CODXC, 61255 Ferguson Rd, Bend, OR 97702, USA  
Find rules at: <http://7qp.org>

Indiana QSO Party  
15:00 UTC 2 May to 03:00 UTC 3 May  
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: Phone, CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi; Distributed Multi-Single; Distributed Multi-Multi; Single-Op Mobile (suspended in 2020); Multi-Op Mobile (suspended in 2020); Portable (suspended in 2020); Rover (suspended in 2020)  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: IN: RS(T) and county; non-IN: W/VE: RS(T) and state or province; DX: RS(T) and "DX"  
Work stations: Once per band per mode  
QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO  
Multipliers: IN Stations: Each IN county, state, province once per mode; non-IN Stations: Each IN county once per mode  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 1 June 2020  
E-mail logs to: [inqp@hdxcc.org](mailto:inqp@hdxcc.org)  
Mail logs to: HDXCC, c/o Tim Gardner, 332 S28th St., Lafayette, IN 47904, USA  
Find rules at: [www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html](http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html)

RTTYOPS Weekend Sprint  
16:00 - 19:59 UTC 2 May  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: RTTY  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op (Wires Only); Single Op Multi-Band; Single Op Portable; Single Op Mobile; Multi-Op (Max 2 ops due to covid-19)  
Max operating hours: 4 hours  
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and 6-character grid locator  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per km between stations; 500 points bonus if new 4-character locator  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points and bonus points  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 9 May 2020  
E-mail logs to: [rtty-weekend@nrrlcontest.no](mailto:rtty-weekend@nrrlcontest.no)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://rttyops.wordpress.com/rtty-mini-contests/rttyops-weekend-sprint/>

Delaware QSO Party  
17:00 UTC 2 May to 23:59 UTC 3 May  
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital/RTTY  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, VHF  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: DE: RS(T) and county; non-DE: RS(T) and state, province or DX  
Work stations: Once per band per mode  
QSO Points: DE stations: 1 point per phone QSO; DE stations: 2 points per CW/RTTY/digital QSO; non-DE stations: 10 points per phone QSO; non-DE stations: 20 points per CW/RTTY/digital QSO  
Multipliers: DE: each state, province and DXCC country once; non-DE: each DE county once  
Power: >150 W = x 1, 150 W = x 2, 5 W = x 3;  
Bonus: x 2 for at least one QSO with K3QBD  
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults x power mults x bonus mult) and 50 pt electronic submission bonus  
Submit logs by: 2 June 2020  
E-mail logs to: [qsoparty@gmail.com](mailto:qsoparty@gmail.com)  
Mail logs to: DE QSO Party, PO Box 1050, Newark, DE 19715-1050, USA  
Find rules at: [www.fsarc.org/qsoparty/rules.htm](http://www.fsarc.org/qsoparty/rules.htm)

FISTS Spring Slow Speed Sprint  
17:00 - 21:00 UTC 2 May  
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: United States/Canada  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: QRP; QRO; Club  
Max power: QRO: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: FISTS: RST, state, province or country, first name and FISTS no; non-FISTS: RST, state, province or country, first name and power  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with FIST member; FIST members: 2 points per QSO with non-FIST member  
Multipliers: Each US state and VE province once; Each DXCC country once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: May 16, 2020  
E-mail logs to: [w2dab@fistsna.org](mailto:w2dab@fistsna.org)  
Mail logs to: FISTS Sprint Log; c/o Dave Bamford W2DAB; 444 East 75 Street, 16F; New York, NY 10021, USA  
Find rules at:  
<http://fistsna.org/operating.html#sprints>

New England QSO Party  
20:00 UTC 2 May to 05:00 UTC 3 May and  
13:00 - 24:00 UTC 3 May  
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: Phone, CW/Digital  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single; Mobile Single Op - QRP, low or high; Mobile; Multi-Single  
Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT: RS(T) and county and state; non-NE: RS(T) and state, province or DX  
Work stations: Once per band per mode per county  
QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO

Multipliers: NE Stations: Each state, province, DXCC country once; non-NE Stations: Each NE county once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 2 June 2020  
E-mail logs to: [logs@neqp.org](mailto:logs@neqp.org)  
Mail logs to: NEQP, PO Box J, West Suffield, CT 06093, USA  
Find rules at: [www.neqp.org/rules.html](http://www.neqp.org/rules.html)

RSGB Hope FT4 QSO Party  
08:30 - 10:00 UTC 4 May  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: FT4  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 10 W  
Exchange: 4-character locator  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with station on same continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 2 points per QSO with station on same continent on 15 or 10 m; 3 points per QSO with station on different continent on 80, 40 or 20 m; 6 points per QSO with station on different continent on 15 or 10 m  
Multipliers: Each 4-character grid square once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 5 May 2020  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: [www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/rhqp.shtml)

RSGB 80 m Club SSB Championship  
19:00 - 20:30 UTC 4 May  
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: United Kingdom  
Mode: SSB  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: (none)  
Exchange: RS and serial no  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: (see rules)  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 5 May 2020  
Upload log at: [www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/r80\\_mcc.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2020/r80_mcc.shtml)

MIE 33 Contest  
23:00 UTC 4 May to 03:00 UTC 5 May  
Geographic Focus: Japan  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, Phone  
Bands: All, except WARC  
Classes: Single Op (CW/Mixed); Single Op  
Single Band (CW/Mixed); Multi-Multi  
(CW/Mixed); SWL

Exchange: Mie: RS(T), age and "ME"; non-Mie  
JA: RS(T), age and "MEJ"; non-Mie non-JA:  
RS(T) and age  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: (see rules)  
Multipliers: Each age once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 31 May 2020  
E-mail logs to: [log-contest@jarl-mie.com](mailto:log-contest@jarl-mie.com)  
Mail logs to: JARL Mie Branch, c/o T.  
Hasegawa, 11-25 Kancho, Tsu Mie 514-0052,  
Japan  
Find rules at:  
[www.ztv.ne.jp/isoda/33/annual/43/43rule-e.html](http://www.ztv.ne.jp/isoda/33/annual/43/43rule-e.html)

## Next Week's Contests

MIE 33 Contest, 23:00 UTC 4 May to 03:00 UTC 5 May  
ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 5 May  
RSGB Hope SSB QSO Party, 10:00 - 11:30 UTC 5 May  
RTTYOPS Week Sprint, 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 5 May  
Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 6 May  
RSGB Hope CW QSO Party, 11:30 - 13:00 UTC 6 May  
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 6 May and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 7 May  
UKEICC 80 m Summer Series, 18:00 - 19:00 UTC 6 May  
RSGB Hope RTTY QSO Party, 13:00 - 14:30 UTC 7 May  
NRAU 10 m Activity Contest, 18:00 - 19:00 UTC (CW) and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (SSB) and 20:00 - 21:00  
UTC (FM) and 21:00 - 22:00 UTC 7 May (Dig)  
RTTYOPS Week Sprint, 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 7 May  
SKCC Sprint Europe, 19:00 - 21:00 UTC 7 May  
NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 8 May  
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 8 May  
RSGB Hope SSB QSO Party, 14:30 - 16:00 UTC 8 May  
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest, 12:00 UTC 9 May to 12:00 UTC 10 May  
CQ-M International DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 9 May to 11:59 UTC 10 May  
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon, 12:00 UTC 9 May to 24:00 UTC 10 May  
SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest, 12:00 UTC 9 May to 08:00 UTC 10 May  
Arkansas QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 9 May to 02:00 UTC 10 May  
FISTS Spring Unlimited Sprint, 17:00 - 21:00 UTC 9 May  
WAB 7 MHz Phone/CW, 10:00 - 14:00 UTC 10 May  
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 11 May  
RSGB Hope CW QSO Party, 08:30 - 10:00 UTC 11 May  
RSGB Hope FT4 QSO Party, 10:00 - 11:30 UTC 12 May  
RTTYOPS Week Sprint, 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 12 May

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